Medical tourism

2011. SHRIMATI JAYA BACHCHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that medical tourism is opening new vistas of foreign earnings;

(b) whether it is also a fact that countries like USA are seriously considering to avail of cheaper medical facilities;

(c) whether it is also a fact that the medical facilities available to citizens at home would become more costlier;

(d) if so, the steps being taken to address the situation; and

(e) whether there is any proposal to ensure investment of fixed part of these foreign earnings for creating more health infrastructure and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government is not aware of any such development in USA or in any other country

(c) No Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) No Sir, Government does not collect separate information in respect of foreign exchange earned through visits of medical tourists. The hospitals in private sector are providing treatment under medical tourism and they are further strengthening health infrastructure.

Ayush medicines

2012. DR. K. MALAISAMY: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ayush system for certain type of diseases is cheap and best;

(b) if so, what are such 10 to 15 major areas of diseases to which this system can be unique and relied upon;

(c) what are the measures taken to promote and propagate these systems on the one side and the steps taken to ensure easy access and availability on the other side and whether there will be a time frame for it; and

(d) whether the homoeopaths are competent and safe enough to conduct deliveries?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR. ANBUMANI RAMADOSS): (a) The different AYUSH systems have definite strengths with respect to certain conditions and diseases.

(b) AYUSH systems have strengths in the treatment of the following:—

(i) Fistula in ano and piles;

(ii) Neuromuscular disorders;

(iii) Allergic disorders;